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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
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BRAC Commission

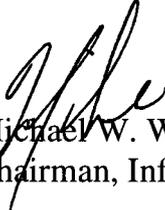
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Dear Chairman Principi:

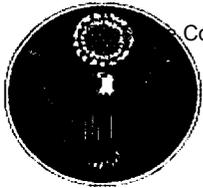
We appreciate the efforts of the Commission in performing its difficult mission. While the Department does not necessarily agree with the changes the Commission is making, to facilitate implementation of the recommendations, we want to ensure the language used for those changes is as clear as possible. I would appreciate your review of all Commission recommendations for consistency. To assist you in this regard, I have asked my staff to review your emerging recommendations and suggest technical corrections to eliminate inconsistencies, omissions and/or to improve their clarity. These are reflected in the enclosure for actions the Commission has taken through noon today. Making these corrections will materially assist the Department in their implementation, upon approval of the Commission's report by the President and the Congress. These technical corrections do not change the intent of any of your recommendations and the Department would greatly appreciate their consideration by the Commission before it completes its deliberations.

Sincerely,


Michael W. Wynne
Chairman, Infrastructure Steering Group

Enclosure:
As stated





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September 8, 2005

***The Honorable Michael W. Wynne
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Dear Secretary Wynne:

I am sending this letter for clarification of language contained in BRAC amendments 186-4a and 186-4d concerning DoD Tech-19, Create an Integrated Weapons & Armaments Specialty Site for Guns and Ammunition.

The purpose of amendments 186-4a and 186-4d was to leave existing energetics activities in place at Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Surface Weapons Center Indian Head and Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. The language included in the Commission's recommendation for Tech-19 does not intend to consolidate these activities in any one location, nor is it the Commission's intent to create a separate "Center of Excellence" for energetics.

Picatinny Arsenal will become the DoD Gun and Ammunition "Center of Excellence" as described in the DoD Tech-19 recommendation and as modified by our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony J. Principi".

***Anthony J. Principi
Chairman***

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